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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S REMARKS

1. MINISTER HANSEN OF THE FRG EMBASSY SENT OVER FOLLOWING TEXT CONCERNING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S REMARKS AND ASKED THAT THIS TEXT BE REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION.

2. BEGIN TEXT. STATEMENT MADE BY THE PRESS SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, MR. KLAUS BOELLING, OF APRIL 26, 1976.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED HOW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY VIEWS THE VISIT TO AFRICA BY THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY EXPRESSLY SYMPATHIZES WITH THE MOTIVE WHICH HAS CAUSED PRESIDENT FORD TO HAVE HIS SECRETARY OF STATE MAKE THIS TRIP.

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HERE, AN EXAMPLE FOR THE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE AMERICANS, DESIRED AND PRACTICED BY US AGAIN AND AGAIN, IS RECOGNIZABLE.

YOU RECALL THAT THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS REPEATEDLY ADVOCATED A JOINT EUROPEAN, WHICH IN FACT MEANS A WESTERN POSITION TOWARDS AFRICA, ESPECIALLY

TOWARDS THE NATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE POLICY OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, AS STATED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER REPEATEDLY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, IS THE SAME AS OURS, NAMELY THAT THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROCEED ON THEIR WAY TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY WITHOUT BEING INFLUENCED BY OTHERS AND OUTSIDE OF THE RIVALRIES OF THE SUPER POWERS.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS AGAIN MADE AN EMPHATIC STATEMENT ON THE PRESENT RELATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN STATES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. HIS ANSWER TO THE QUESTION AS TO HOW HE WOULD CHARACTERIZE THESE RELATIONS AT PRESENT WAS THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WERE IN AN OUTSTANDING STATE WHICH WAS PROVEN BY THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD VISITED EUROPE REPEATEDLY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON HAD NEVER BEEN CLOSER.

THE CHANCELLOR HAS ALSO MADE A STATEMENT ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN PARIS AND BONN SAYING THAT THESE RELATIONS HAD NEVER BEFORE BEEN OF BETTER QUALITY. ALLUDING TO CRITICAL REMARKS MADE IN THE COURSE OF THE AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND AIMED AT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, THE CHANCELLOR ANSWERED THAT BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE WERE CLEARLY MAINTAINING THE POLICY OF POWER BALANCE TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION AND THAT THEY - WHICH HE, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, THOUGHT WAS PERFECTLY CORRECT - IN THEIR EFFORTS FOR A BETTER PEACE ORDER, HOWEVER, WISHED TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF STRICT MUTUALITY, AS KISSINGER HAS DESCRIBED IT. IN SHORT: THAT THE POLICY OF DETENTE WAS BEING CONTINUED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC VERBALLY STATED AS FOLLOWS: "THIS IS A POLICY, IN FACT THE ONE WHICH IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF STRICT MUTUALITY, WHICH WE HAVE PURSUED TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR YEARS, WHICH WE ARE JOINTLY PURSUING TODAY, AND WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE."

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